

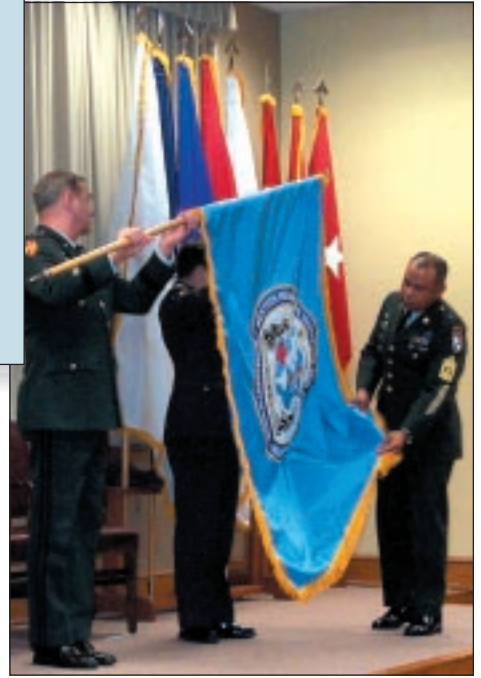
Around the Services

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Department of Defense

DOD activated the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation at Fort Benning, Ga., Jan. 17. The institute, which replaces the former U.S. Army School of the Americas, was established Oct. 30 under the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2001, officials said. WHISC will provide professional education and training to military, law-enforcement and civilian (governmental and non-governmental) personnel of the nations of the Western Hemisphere in defense and security matters.



Navy

Navy Region Northwest and Washington state's Department of Ecology were each recognized recently with a Vice Presidential Hammer Award for reducing oil spills and hazardous waste in the Puget Sound area while saving taxpayers \$43 million over the last 10 years.



Coast Guard

The Coast Guard's pollution response National Strike Force sent team members and specialized oil-spill equipment to the Galapagos Islands, off the Ecuadorian coast, to assist with an oil spill from a grounded tanker near there that threatens to destroy the islands' delicate ecological balance.



Air Force

The Air Force announced Beale Air Force Base, Calif., as its preferred location for the first main operating base of the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle. Other basing options for the Global Hawk include Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.; Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

